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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Scott Vargo, County Manager

DATE: 4/10/2020

SUBJECT: Family and Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) Financial Assistance

Your approval of the consent agenda will include your approval of a \$500,000 contribution to the Family and Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) operations including overhead and other programs in accordance with state and federal law. FIRC is experiencing significant increases in requests for food assistance and rental assistance as a result of the unprecedented economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, the local and state public health orders have closed the FIRC thrift stores which provide funding for a number of FIRC programs. That loss of revenue and increase in community need has created a considerable financial gap for FIRC.

In an effort to support all of the operations and programs critical to our community resulting from the pandemic and to ensure FIRC remains able to operate well beyond the pandemic the Board of County Commissioners are contributing \$500,000 to FIRC.

The BOCC appreciate the deep understanding of community needs that both the FIRC Executive Director and FIRC Board possess and will rely on their judgement and discretion in utilizing this funding to best serve our community and the FIRC.